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	First Inventor	Stanley M. Crain
	Title	METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR TREATING IRRITABLE BOWEL....
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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Prior application information:

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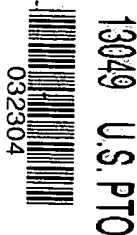
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Re: Rule 1.53(b) Continuation Application of
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/114,909
Title: METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR TREATING
IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME USING LOW DOSES
OF OPIOID RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS
Inventor: Stanley M. Crain, Ke-Fei Shen and Gerald M. Fleischner
Our File: 96700/879

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), enclosed please find a continuation application in the names of Stanley M. Crain, Ke-Fei Shen and Gerald M. Fleischner, entitled "METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR TREATING IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME USING LOW DOSES OF OPIOID RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS," including the following:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal Sheet (1 page);
2. a true copy of the prior application, including specification (17 pages); claims (5 pages); abstract (1 page);
3. a copy of the Declaration as originally filed in the parent application (4 pages);

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4. a Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages); including form PTO/SB/08A-B (5 pages); and
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